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1. [ ] - GLC) At lunch today Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, told me of a suggestion he had made to Jim Frey, OMB, for a possible method of interim funding of the Radios by the addition of appropriate language in the continuing resolution (see Memorandum for the Record).

He also alerted me to a budgetary problem concerning a sensitive DDS&T project (see Memorandum for the Record).

I briefed Woodruff on the following: recent information on a possible ChiCom nuclear powered submarine, Soviet use of an airborne strategic command post, the difficulty encountered by Soyuz 11, Soviet exercise in southwestern Russia, and the presence of Soviet oceanographic ships in the Gulf of Mexico.

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2. [ ] - GLC) In response to a note from Frank Hand, DOD, yesterday evening on the possibility of the Badillo bill (H. R. 8371) being attached to the Defense procurement authorization as an amendment, I told Hand that the House Armed Services Committee had requested our views on this bill, but asked that we not treat this as a priority item. I added that I thought Frank Slatinshek and Russ Blandford, of the Committee staff, were quite familiar with the impact which such legislation would have. Hand said he was sure this would cover the matter which General Lawrence had raised on this.

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3. [ ] JGO) Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and briefed him on the Soyuz 11/Salyut mission.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT:** Conversation with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Re Interim Funding for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty

1. At lunch today Bill Woodruff told me of a suggestion he had made to Mr. James Frey, OMB, for interim funding of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, pending a decision on permanent legislation.

2. Woodruff said he had suggested to Frey that he have USIA's General Counsel determine whether USIA's authority was sufficiently broad for it to receive an appropriation for interim funding. If there is sufficient USIA authority, Woodruff's suggestion would involve the incorporation of the appropriation language into the continuing resolution. This language would appropriate funds to USIA for continuation of the Radios for a period not to exceed three months. (Woodruff feels that if permanent legislation cannot be obtained within three months it can never be obtained.)

3. If USIA does not feel it has sufficiently broad authority under its own legislation, Woodruff believes the language which he proposes could be interpreted as authorizing legislation as well as appropriating legislation. While he concedes that a point of order might be raised on this issue, he feels it can be successfully disposed of. He emphasized, however, that this arrangement would require cooperation from all parties. He also made it clear that Chairman Ellender has not committed himself to this proposal, but Woodruff feels he would be favorably disposed toward it since it meets the Chairman's requirements for overt funding even on an interim basis and no involvement of CIA funds. Woodruff again mentioned that the elimination of funds for the Radios would be regarded as the Committee's budget cut for CIA for FY 1972.

4. This conversation has been brought to the attention of the Director, Colonel White, and Messrs. Meyer, Warner, and [redacted]

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